

Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club - Pool - Inclement Weather Policy -

Thunderstorms

Safety guidelines for outdoor pools dictate that upon hearing thunder, or seeing lightning, the pool is to be vacated immediately. Swimmers may return to the water once a full 30 minutes have passed since the last sounds of thunder or sights of lightning.

The pool deck and surrounding area should be cleared. Please enter Café Marler, the change rooms, or leave the pool area.

Visibility

In keeping with the recommendations of the Canadian Lifesaving Society and in keeping with local legal requirements, if at any time the visibility of the pool is poor (i.e. the black disc at the bottom of the deep end is not clearly visible), the pool will close until the visibility improves.

Rain Prior To Opening

If it is raining at the time of the pool's opening in the morning, the staff members will prepare the pool to open once the weather clears. If there are members present at opening who would like to swim and the weather permits it (i.e. no thunder or lightning, the temperature is high enough) the pool shall be opened.

Rain during Pool Hours

The pool may remain open if it is light rain and there are swimmers already in the pool—and provided visibility is not impaired. However, should a period of two hours pass without swimmers, the pool will close until the weather improves. Two lifeguards must remain “on-call” at the pool for the duration of their shifts. The Cafe Marler will remain open until scheduled closing time. Scheduled lifeguards must be prepared to return within one hour to assist in reopening if the weather improves.

Recreational Swims

The pool will open for recreational swimming on days when the official temperature is 15 degrees Celsius or higher and the wind chill temperature is the equivalent of 10 degrees Celsius or higher. However, on those cool days when the pool has opened, should a period of two hours pass without swimmers in the pool, or the outside temperature at the facility drops below 10

degrees Celsius, then the facility may close until the weather improves. Two Lifeguards and the Cafe Marler staff must remain in case of reopening. Scheduled lifeguards must be prepared to return within one hour to assist in reopening if the weather improves. If there are members on property at the time of opening who are prepared to swim, the Pool Manager is required to adequately staff and open the pool.

Swimming Lessons

The possibility of lifeguards standing in the water for any length of time during cold weather raises concerns of exposure/hypothermia. For the lifeguards' protection we need to adopt safe and healthful guidelines for their performance in the water. To this end, the lifeguards will not be required to instruct in the water when the air temperature (including wind chill) drops below 16 degrees Celsius and the sky is overcast. This applies primarily to those lessons for which an instructor would normally be expected to be in the water. For older children, in-water lessons during inclement weather (i.e. rain, cold, etc.) are up to the discretion of the Pool Manager.